

JURY IS CHOSEN TO TRY ABDEL

Young Man Who Posed as "J. Ogden Goelet" and Courted Miss Eleanor Anderson Will Now Have to Explain Acts.

AVOIDS YOUNG WOMAN'S GLANCES IN COURT.

Gowned Entirely in Black She Is on Hand to Give Testimony Against Youth Who So Completely Deceived Her.

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Herman Hoops, architect, of No. 412 West Twenty-third street. Rudolph C. Halle, employed by Scribner & Sons, publishers. Charles G. Bartlett, selling agent, of No. 512 West End avenue. Henry Hener, coal merchant, of No. 47 West Ninety-second st. Edward Wyatt, drug clerk, of No. 153 Lexington avenue. Paul J. Brock, clothier, of Fulton and Nassau streets. William Ruppel, manufacturer, of No. 905 West One Hundred and Eighty-third street. Wm. R. Cole, manufacturer of barrel staves, of No. 17 Battery pl. Harry Lederman, butcher, of No. 210 Mot street. Louis Sachs, auctioneer. John L. Niver, retired merchant, of No. 51 West Thirty-ninth street. Sidney Loeb, of No. 32 East Sixty-fifth street.

With powerful interests of the Goelet family urging a vigorous prosecution, the District-Attorney placed James Nelson Abel, who was notorious for masquerading under the name of "J. Ogden Goelet" as the savior of Eleanor Anderson, the beautiful daughter of a Sixth avenue restaurant keeper, on trial before Recorder Goff to-day charged with forgery in the third degree.

The indictment grows out of the manner of Abel's introduction to Miss Anderson when he presented to the pretty telegraph operator a letter signed "James B. Van Every, Vice-President of the Western Union Telegraph Company," in which he was represented as "J. Ogden Goelet." Believing in the genuineness of this letter, the young girl allowed the young man's attentions to reach a proposal of marriage.

Defendant Spick and Span. Since the sensational revelations of Abel's true character, the fact that he already was married and other disclosures, Mr. Van Every has declared the letter to be a forgery. Miss Anderson has not a verdict of \$5,000 for breach of promise, and detectives employed by the Goelet family pursued and ran down this amazing young man in Canada.

The defendant, who when brought to New York from Niagara was placed under \$5,000 bail, appeared in the Recorder's court-room, Part III, of General Sessions, a full half hour before it convened.

He was accompanied by his father, Capt. James Abel, of Waco, Tex., and his counsel, Jesse Stearns, of this city, and John M. Parker and Martin Lynch, of Oswego.

Abel was dressed in a dark suit and a long tan overcoat of swaggar cut. Clean shaven, his round, almost chubby cheeks gave him an exceedingly boyish appearance.

Miss Anderson Gowned in Black. The young man's venerable father viewed the court proceedings with stern interest. With head erect his eyes never left the central figures in the court, nor did he exchange a word with his son, who sat beside him. Miss Anderson sat behind the rear rail with the spectators. She wore a transparent black veil, through which her ruddy cheeks shone and her delicately rounded features were made out with relief. She was dressed entirely in black except for a mink stole about her neck. Her interest in the proceedings was marked by peculiar placidity. Now and again she would glance calmly at Abel. He, however, did not return the glance.

All of to-day's session was devoted to the selection of the jury. When the box had been filled, the trial was adjourned until to-morrow.

A. CASS CANFIELD'S WILL.

Filed To-Day and Estate Said to Be Worth \$20,000,000. The will of A. Cass Canfield, of Roslyn, L. I., who died in Aiken, S. C., last month, was offered for probate in Surrogate Seabury's Court to-day, at Mineola. The estate is supposed to be worth \$20,000,000, but the value is not mentioned in the documents filed. The testator leaves a widow, Josephine Houghtaling Canfield, two daughters, Laura H. and Mary C. Canfield, and a son, A. Cass Canfield, Jr. The children are minors.

To the United States Trust Company all the stock of the Cass Farm Company, limited, of Detroit, is left in trust to divide in equal parts, one part to each child; as surviving, to hold such parts for and during the life of his wife, or until the sum of \$100,000 out of the income shall have been paid, and thereafter for and during the minority of the children to whom the same shall have been allotted.

After the death of his wife, or until she has received the \$100,000, the income is to be used for the education and support of the children of the marriage of the income to be invested the same as principal. When the children reach the age of twenty-one years they are to receive their shares of the stock with the accumulated dividends.

STRONG GUARD FOR LOUBET. PARIS, April 20.—Elaborate police precautions have been adopted to protect President Loubet during his coming trip to Italy. French and Italian detectives will be stationed along the route and a number of French detectives have been sent to Rome and Genoa.

MORMON DOINGS TOLD BY ROBERTS

Utah Legislator Who Went Down Under Public Protest Admits Practising Polygamy and Tells of Secret Marriage.

SMOOT INQUIRY RESUMED; SENATORS GET NEW FACTS.

Two Wives Kept in Ignorance of Third to Save Them Embarrassment—Church Took No Action on Plural Contract.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—What may be termed the second round of the Reed Smoot contest opened to-day before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections. It was announced that several witnesses would be heard before the adjournment of Congress and it is practically certain that the committee will then adjourn to convene in Salt Lake, Utah, on July 15.

Important testimony for the prosecution is expected to be developed at this session of the committee. Brigham H. Roberts was called to the stand by Senator Taylor. He was questioned to bring out a statement of his official connection with the church. Mr. Roberts said he was elected to the position of one of the first seven presidents in 1888, and entered politics about 1898. His interest was manifested in making speeches, but he was not a candidate for office until 1904. He then was elected as a member of the Constitutional Convention, which met in 1905.

Has Three Wives. Mr. Roberts said he has three wives, one married in 1877, the second in 1888 and the third in 1898. He said he has had children by all of the wives and by the first plural wife since his election to Congress. He thought the last child was born three or four years ago.

Mr. Roberts said his first plural marriage was performed by D. H. Wells, counsel to the Apostles, and he thought the ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. Wells's son.

Senator Overman inquired of Mr. Roberts whether his first wife and his second wife had consented to his third wife.

"No, sir," said Mr. Roberts. Continuing, he said they did not learn of the marriage for three or four years.

"How was that?" asked Senator Beveridge. "Do you mean to say that the marriage was not known to any one?"

"It was known to some of my friends, but not to my wives," was the answer. **Knew It Was Illegal.**

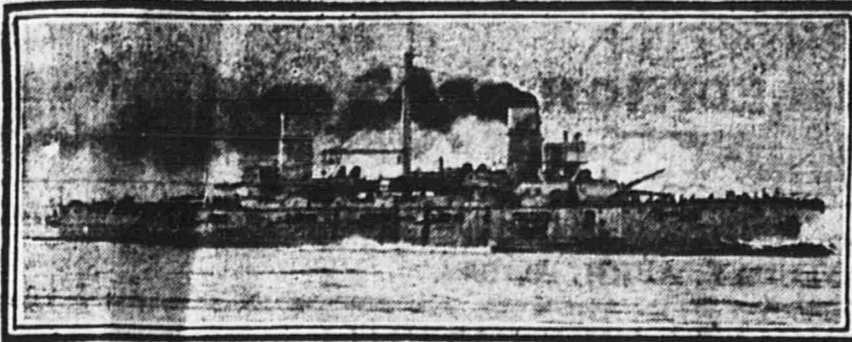
"Why was this marriage concealed from them?" asked Chairman Burrows. "Because I did not want to embarrass them."

"How embarrassed them?" "Well, we knew the marriage was illegal and it might be embarrassing to them if they should for any reason be called on to testify."

Mr. Roberts said his third wife was the divorced wife of Dr. Shipp, and in regard to his courtship he said he always had met her at the house of mutual friends and had never called on her at her home. He also said that she continued to live in her home, but that he never called on her there until she removed to rooms on Main street, Salt Lake.

Mr. Roberts said Mr. Roberts lived in a house where her divorced husband resided and two of his wives. Mr. Roberts said he was not aware of that fact.

TWO NEW JAPANESE CRUISERS SAID TO HAVE BEEN INJURED AND THE ENGLISH SKIPPERS WHO TOOK THEM TO NAGASAKI.



RECORDS BROKEN BY SNOW TO-DAY

Yes, It's April 20, but the Weather Has Got Twisted and You May Have to Unpack Your Furs Again Soon.

A SPRING IDYL.
WRITTEN BY P. NEUMONIA.
How good it is to shiver and to hear the blizzard roar.
How good it is to feel the snow come blowing in the door.
Oh! see the frozen bluebird lying on the icy ground!
Has not the little children's cough a lovely hollow sound?
Hurrah for zero weather and the brown grass in the Park!
How cheering is the snowball's chug, the gay sea lions bark.
Observe the undertaker working twenty hours a day.
Buy me a sealskin coat, mother, for I'm to be Queen of the May.

Wouldn't this freeze your eyebrows? We mean the weather, not the verse. And there's no relief in sight. The storm is central off the Maine coast and the Weather Man says it is deepening somewhat. If it stays off the Maine coast much longer it will be sold by the time it gets here. But we needn't put ourselves on the back because we have a snowstorm on the 20th of April. Nature is blowing herself to-day, so to speak.

It is snowing in St. Louis—St. Louis, where they are going to open the World's Fair in ten days. It is snowing so hard in St. Louis that the street-cars have difficulty in getting through the streets.

On New York, and they made the weather more drear. Isn't it nice to go out with one of those overcoats, open-work socks and low shoes on and be caressed by a blizzard?

In order to show progressiveness the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system got out open cars on all its lines. The conductors worked overtime sweeping snow out of the cars. There were open cars in Manhattan, too, especially on the Third avenue line.

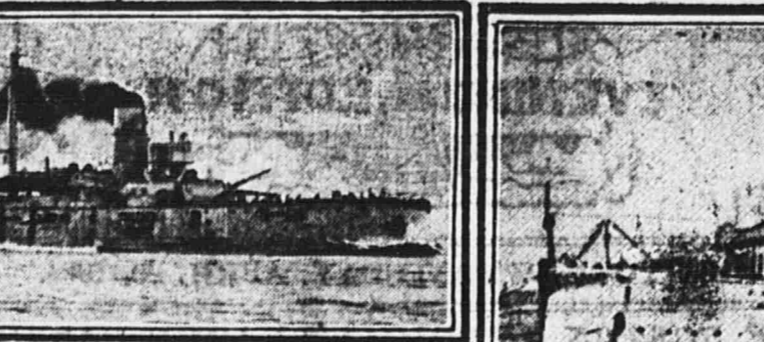
In many apartment-houses the heat was turned off on April 13. Shivering tenants who looked out of the windows saw the snow to-day immediately made tracks for the basement and confronted the janitor with a request for fire in the boilers. Generally the janitors complied with the request, but many rent-payers had to send out for gas stoves or keep warm by running around their flats.

Shad Tail Again. Of course the doctors did not rejoice, but none of them was noticed making any frantic efforts to have the cold weather stopped. Doubtless the drop in temperature and the snow flurries will cause a great deal of sickness, for many have laid aside their winter clothing and are wearing light-weight garments.

To add to the misery of the occasion the shad, which were just beginning to run in the North River, have all gone South again.

All the baseball games in this part of the country scheduled for to-day have been called off. The Giants in Philadelphia, the Athletics and Highlanders in Manhattan and the Boston in Brooklyn, will sit around the steam radiators in hotels and talk about umpires and managers they have known. Even if there was a chance that people would attend a ball game to-day the players don't want to run the risk of getting their hands knocked off by swift lightning.

Down at Coney Island the new animal park is very busy stopping up the cracks in the buildings and building fires in big stoves for the benefit of the animals. The only animal held in town for exhibition purposes that was perfectly happy was the Polar bear in Central Park. He has had the winter and spring of his life. The circus animals in the Garden were comfortable because the steam was turned on.



LAND ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR

Petropavlovsk had been steaming at full speed, and that her sudden slowdown may have caused an accumulation of pressure which burst her boilers. Those who accept the mine theory, and they are in the majority, believe that the explosion of the mine detonated the magazine, which blew up before the boilers. The main objection advanced against the mine idea is that the water where the catastrophe occurred is too deep for anchor mines. "I can scarcely imagine that Vice-Admiral Togo would dare to turn loose a lot of floating mines," said one of the highest placed naval authorities. "The tides are high and the currents strong at Port Arthur and floating mines might easily be carried out to sea and endanger his own ships."

PHILADELPHIA, April 20.—Edwin S. Cramp, of the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, said to-day: "The report that the Russian Government has purchased four ships in this city is all news to me. As yet we have not received any communication on the subject, either from the Russian Government directly or through their Ambassador. It is unlikely, however, that if the deal were in contemplation it would be executed through our firm."

MAN DROPS DEAD IN DENTIST'S HOUSE. Peter Short, a Broadway Gilder, Was Stricken with Heart Disease While Working in Dr. White's Residence.

James Short, a glider, with office at No. 130 Broadway, dropped dead in the basement dining-room while calling for some frames for gliding at the house of Dr. L. P. White, of No. 223 East Seventy-ninth street, late this afternoon.

Short was engaged in removing a picture from its frame when he was stricken. Dr. White ministered to him, but his efforts were unavailing. Heart disease was the cause of Short's death. He was sixty-five years old. The body was removed to the East Eighty-sixth street police station.

SWIMMER SAVES THREE MEN. Drags Them Ashore When Boat Upset in Gravesend Bay.

Albert Mann, Thomas Howard and John Mills arrived to-day from the yacht-foot Boon in Gravesend Bay to the foot of Bay Forty-seventh street to-day. The boat upset, and they were going to the bottom when Peter Allen swam out to them and managed to drag them to shore.

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PLUNKITT A SACHEM. Proud of the Fact and Wants the Public to Know It.

"Why didn't you fellows run in my name among those elected sachems in the Tammany Society?" asked Senator George Washington Plunkitt to-day. His name had been omitted from the printed list.

WOMAN POSTAL CLERK OUT. Dismissed Under Charges After Refusing to Resign.

(Special to The Evening World.) MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., April 20.—Postmaster Charles C. Cowperthwaite to-day received instructions from the Post-Office Department at Washington to discharge Miss Maude Robertson, who has been mailing clerk in the office for some time, and the young woman was at once relieved from further duty.

BIG MERGER HIT IN COURT HERE

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